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SUBJECT: IMPORTATION PROPAGANDA INTO GREECE

1. PIRAEUS POLICE ANNOUNCED MARCH 4 ARREST THREE GREEK MALES ON CHARGE TRANSPORTING "ANTI-NATIONAL PROPAGANDA" INTO COUNTRY. ACCORDING POLICE ANNOUNCEMENT, LEONIDAS ANANIADES, AGE 27, CRAFTSMAN; HIS BROTHER, ELIAS, AGE 29, ALSO CRAFTSMAN; AND FOTIOS MAVROMMATIS, AGE 30, MERCHANT (ALL THREE FROM NIKEA, SUBURB OF PIRAEUS AND TRADITIONALLY MOST PRO-COMMUNIST URBAN AREA IN GREECE) WERE ON PRIVATE BUSINESS TRIP MUNICH WHEN RECRUITED BY GREEK COMMUNISTS (INTERIOR FACTION) TO DELIVER TWO LARGE PACKAGES COMMUNIST PROCLAMATIONS TO KNOWN CONTACT IN NIKEA AND TO SECOND PARTY TO BE IDENTIFIED AFTER RETURN GREECE.

TRIO RETURNED GREECE VIA ITALY BUT GETTING COLD FEET DROPPED ONE PACKET MATERIAL IN ADRIATIC SEA AND FURTHER MATERIALS OUTSIDE PATRAS HARBOR. UPON ARRIVAL HOMETOWN, POLICE ARRESTED TRIO WITH BALANCE MATERIALS STILL IN CAR. PENDING HEARING BY ATHENS COURT MARTIAL, ELIAS ANANIADES RELEASED OTHER TWO DETAINED.

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2. THERE HAVE BEEN RUMORS OF ANTI-REGIME PROPAGANDA ARRIVING
FROM ABROAD WITH RECENT, UNCONFIRMED REPORT THREE WEEKS
AGO THAT CAR TRANSITING NORTHERN BORDER FROM YUGOSLAVIA
FOUND TO BE LOADED SUCH MATERIALS.
RECENT ROUND-UP HERE OF COMMUNIST PARTY OF INTERIOR
TURNED UP PRINTING PRESS ON WHICH GOG SAID MUCH LEFTIST
PROPAGANDA BEING PRODUCED. THIS IS FIRST OFFICIAL CONFIRMATION
OF IMPORTATION FROM ABROAD OF ANTI-REGIME MATERIALS.
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